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CUSTOMS FOR INT. OPS. DIV. ATTN: F. POTTER, SECSTATE FOR S/NM,  
PARIS FOR DEA, DEA HQS FOR ENOM/COOK FROM SAIC HIGDON

E. O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SNAR  
SUBJ: DETECTOR - DOG PROGRAM - MOROCCO

1. ON 8/16/77 DEA SAIC MET WITH COMMISSAIRE KHALIL OF  
THE MOROCCAN SURETE HEADQUARTERS TO DISCUSS THE DEVELOP-  
MENT OF THEIR NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG PROGRAM, WHICH BEGAN  
IN FEB. 76 FOLLOWING TRAINING OF THREE MOROCCAN POLICE  
OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED THE U.S. CUSTOMS DOG TRAINER CLASS  
#5 AT FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA.

2. KHALIL INDICATED THAT IN GENERAL THE SURETE WAS VERY  
PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OBTAINED THUS FAR. HE INDICATED  
ALTHOUGH ACTUAL HASHISH SEIZURES HAVE BEEN MINIMAL, HE  
IS AT LEAST CONFIDENT THAT THE MERE PRESENCE OF THE DOGS  
HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERRING A FEW WOULD-BE  
TRAFFICKERS. HE SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION THE RECENTLY  
NOTED DECLINE IN HASHISH SEIZURES ALONG THE CUSTOMARY  
SMUGGLING ROUTES IN BOTH SPAIN AND FRANCE WAS, IN  
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PART, A RESULT OF THE DOGS BEING VISIBLE AT THE  
MOROCCAN PORTS. HE WAS REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO  
THE SMUGGLING OF HASHISH IN TRAPPED VEHICLES LEAVING  
MOROCCO BY CAR FERRY.

3. AT PRESENT THE SURETE HAS SEVEN DOGS TRAINED AND  
OPERATIONAL. THEY HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

THREE (3) AT THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA PORT AT BAB SEBTA;  
TWO (2) AT CASABLANCA AND TWO (2) AT THE RABAT-SALE  
AIRPORT.

4. KHALIL REPORTED THAT THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN DEVELOP-  
ING AT A SNAIL'S PACE BECAUSE THE THREE U.S. CUSTOMS  
TRAINED HANDLERS HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING  
BOTH HANDLERS AND DOGS. TO DATE THEY HAVE TRAINED 15  
DOG HANDLERS WHOSE DEMONSTRATED EXPERTISE HAS BEEN  
DESCRIBED BY KHALIL AS SOMEWHAT DUBIOUS. A TOTAL OF  
40 DOGS AND 20 HANDLERS REMAIN TO BE TRAINED.

5. ALL OF THE DOGS IN THE PROGRAM ARE PEDIGREED  
GERMAN SHEPARDS AND ARE BEING TRAINED TO DETECT ONLY  
CANNABIS. IT WAS OBSERVED DURING A TOUR OF THE RABAT  
KENNEL THAT THE DOGS WERE CLEAN, WELL FED, GROOMED  
AND EXERCISED. THE PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE HANDLER RATHER  
THAN DOG RELATED. THE HANDLERS DON'T APPEAR TO BE  
EXTREMELY CONFIDENT OF THEIR DOGS ABILITY. A POSITIVE  
HIT BY A DOG IS REGARDED AS AN ACCIDENT RATHER THAN  
A ROUTINE OCCURRENCE.

6. KHALIL SAID THAT MANAGEMENT HAS INDICATED A  
WILLINGNESS TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO MAXIMIZE  
SUCCESS AND FURTHER DEVELOP THE PROGRAM. BUT, THEY  
NEED EXPERT HELP. HE HAS REQUESTED THAT IF POSSIBLE,  
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TRAINING BE PROVIDED BY U.S. CUSTOMS TO AT LEAST  
ANOTHER THREE OR FOUR HANDLERS. HOWEVER, EVEN MORE  
IMPORTANT, HE IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN THE POSSI-  
BILITY OF AN ON-SITE TRAINING PROGRAM IN MOROCCO OR  
AN ON-SITE CRITIQUE BY U.S. CUSTOMS HANDLERS. THE  
LATTER COULD OBSERVE THE DOGS, KENNEL CONDITIONS,  
WORKING CONDITIONS, AND TRAINING METHODS FOR BOTH  
HANDLERS AND DOGS. AN INSPECTION OF THIS NATURE COULD  
PROVE VERY HELPFUL IN CORRECTING PROGRAM FAULTS AND  
DIFFICULTIES AT THIS EARLY STAGE OF THE GAME.

7. U.S. CUSTOMS IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER THE  
ABOVE AND ADVISE IF AN IN-COUNTRY TWO OR THREE WEEK  
OBSERVATION PROGRAM IS POSSIBLE. THE BENEFITS TO BE  
DERIVED FROM AN EFFICIENT MOROCCAN DETECTOR DOG PRO-  
GRAM CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. IT WOULD BE A MAJOR BOOST  
TO THE U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORT IN MOROCCO.

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